

# FACT SHEET

## VENTURING

### GOLD AWARD



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#### Background and Purpose

The Venturing Gold Award replaces the Exploring G.O.L.D. Award that was introduced in 1996. It was extremely well received and valued by those who earned it. One new requirement has been added to create the new Venturing Gold Award. That requirement is to earn the Venturing Bronze Award.

The Venturing Gold Award program was developed to recognize the significant accomplishment in a Venturer's life as he or she has proven outstanding performance in a broad spectrum of activities. These activities relate to Venturing's six experience areas of leadership, citizenship, social, outdoor, service, and fitness. It will challenge and motivate Venturers over an extended period.

It will provide a favorable image of the Venturing program among youth, parents, schools, and our communities. It will offer challenging and stimulating opportunities for Venturers to develop and achieve personal goals in the areas of leadership, character development, and personal fitness.

#### Requirements

Venturing Gold Award candidates must be active and registered Venturers for at least twelve months before final qualification. They must serve in a leadership role within the twelve months before final qualification. They must participate in a district, council, or national Venturing event or activity. They must set and accomplish one personal goal related to each of the six experience areas. They must plan and lead at least two crew activities built around the six experience areas. They must recite the Venturing Oath. Three letters of recommendation from adults outside of the crew are required, and the candidate must make an oral presentation to a crew review committee. Finally, they must be approved and recommended by their crew committee.

#### Procedure

Venturing Gold Award candidates must submit a written petition to their crew Advisor in which they should outline their plans and ambitions for their projects to achieve the award. Advisors are encouraged to have a conference with each candidate to ensure that the Venturer has developed a well-conceived plan, and that he or she has specific goals in mind. The Advisor approves the plan. After council approval, the council issues the award.

## **Recognition**

After many months of determined service and leadership, the Venturing Gold Award should be presented in a setting worthy of the award. Suggested occasions include high school assemblies, church services, and council Venturing events. The award may be presented more than once. The award is a gold medal featuring the Venturing logo inside of a compass dial. The medal is suspended from a white ribbon that is worn around the neck. A certificate is also available.